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For: KEYBOARD DEVICE CAPABLE OF AUTOMATICALLY CHANGING FUNCTION
OF CERTAIN KEY WITHOUT PRESSING A SPECIFIC KEY

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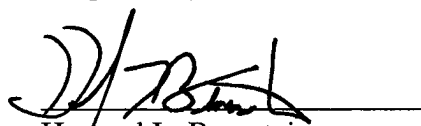
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